

AGN. NO.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
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Submittal of Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone Application

The California Enterprise Zone Program was created to stimulate economic growth in economically distressed areas throughout the State of California. The Enterprise Zone Program is a 15-year designation that seeks to generate new private sector investment and growth through the award of State tax credits and incentives.

On April 15, 2010, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a request for applications for Enterprise Zone designation to fill two expiring Enterprise Zones statewide. Applications must be completed and submitted to HCD by September 15, 2010.

The County of Los Angeles (County) is working with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park in the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional Enterprise Zone application, to be called the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone. The proposed Enterprise Zone will encompass approximately 3,670 acres of commercial and industrial land in unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez. Because of the small number of available Enterprise Zone

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openings for the entire State, a cooperative effort among the County and the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park makes for a stronger application. The County, which is the lead jurisdiction, will work cooperatively with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park to implement and maintain the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone for a period of not less than 15 years. If awarded designation, each jurisdiction will be responsible for administration of its own area of the Enterprise Zone.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles to act as an agent of the County in the submission of the application and administration of the joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park.
2. Adopt and instruct the Chair to sign, upon presentation, a resolution that will support a joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park to the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Authorize the Community Development Commission (Commission) to act as an agent of the County of Los Angeles for the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application, as a joint application with the cities of Los Angeles and Huntington Park; submit to the California

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Department of Housing and Community Development an Enterprise Zone application, as a joint applicant with the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to prepare, execute and submit all documents related to the joint Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone application.

2. Authorize the Executive Director of the Commission to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with HCD to establish the State Enterprise Zone for areas of unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez, if selected for designation; and authorize the Executive Director to prepare, execute, and/or submit any other documents necessary for establishment of the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone.
3. Find that submission of an application to the State of California to establish portions of unincorporated Walnut Park, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook and Rancho Dominguez as a State Enterprise Zone is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it will not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

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